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SUBJECT: RIGHT-MODERATES LEAVE MUNICH SPD

REF: MUNICH 2906

1. FIVE RIGHT-MODERATE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICH SPD, THREE
OF THEM PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE MUNICH CITY GOVERNMENT,
LEFT THE SPD TODAY. A RELIABLE SPD SOURCE HAS INFORMED CONGEN
THAT MUNICH DEPUTY MAYORS HELMUT GITTEL AND ECKHART MUELLER-
HEYDENREICH AND DR. DETLEV MARX, CHIEF OF THE CITY DEVELOP-
MENT DEPARTMENT AND TWO MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF FORMALLY WITHDREW
FROM THE SPD TODAY.

2. ALL FIVE OFFICIALS ARE CLOSE POLITICAL ASSOCIATES OF LORD
MAYOR GEORG KRONAWITTER WHO ANNOUNCED LAST MONTH (REFTEL)
THAT HE WOULD NOT SEEK REELECTION IN 1978. IT IS EXPECTED
THAT GITTEL AND MUELLER-HEYDENREICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE
1978 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS HERE AS MEMBERS OF A NON-
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PARTISAN CITIZEN'S GROUP (BUERGERBLOCK). IF SO, THEY WOULD
PRESUMABLY SIPHON VOTES AWAY FROM THE SPD TICKET HEADED BY
MUNICH SPD CHAIRMAN MAX VON HECKEL.
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